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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 9, 2004 in the above-identified application. A fee is not required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 for any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.